GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SUPPORT PRICE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to authorize the State Governments to fix the support price of Agricultural products which do not get the expected price and the loss suffered would be shared by the State Government and the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have allotted any amount to any State to sustain the loss;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to allot any fund to States Particularly West Bengal for compensating the loss of Support price; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b) There is no proposal before the Union Government to authorize the State Governments to fix the support price of Agricultural products. The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) are fixed by Government of India for different crops and are uniform throughout the country.

(c) to (f) Does not arise.